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FYI

Kittanning firm to ship chemical that tainted W.V. water to Pennsylvania

Thousands of gallons of a chemical that fouled public water service for 300,000 people in West Virginia are headed to Pennsylvania under the radar of regulators and residents.

Environmental regulators here were unaware on Wednesday of the plan to move 3,500 gallons of crude MCHM, a coal-washing chemical, and likely won't be told how it will be shipped, or where the company, Freedom Industries, intends to store it, a spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection said.

It's unclear whether its shipment or storage would pose any threat to Western Pennsylvania rivers, which provide drinking water to hundreds of thousands of people. At least two coal-washing plants are near the Allegheny River in Armstrong County.

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection warned that Freedom Industries would transport the chemical that spilled into West Virginia waterways on Jan. 9 to "a coal facility in Pennsylvania" in coming weeks. The agency said it could mean unsavory licorice smells for neighbors.

A woman who answered the phone in Freedom's office in Charleston, W.Va., declined to comment.

Read more: <http://triblive.com/news/adminpage/5540597-74/freedom-facility-chemicals#ixzz2sYkmtYCs>

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